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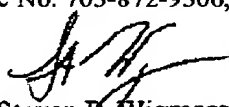
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Summary of Telephonic Interview of May 17, 2005

The Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Jackson for her time and consideration given during the telephonic interview of May 17, 2005. During this telephonic interview, a recent amendment to the claims that was submitted on May 16, 2005 was discussed. The Applicants provided the amendment to the claims in advance of the interview.

During this telephonic interview, the Applicants' representative explained that the claims, as amended, describe a vulnerability assessment that comprises a scan of a workstation to identify at least one of security vulnerabilities that would compromise the secure operation of the workstation on the computer network and evidence of a

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compromise. It was explained that the prior art, such as U.S. Pat. No. 6,510,523 to Perlman (hereinafter the "Perlman" reference), does not conduct a vulnerability assessment comprising a scan of the workstation.

It was also explained that the Perlman reference does not uncover any evidence of a compromise as recited in the amended independent claims. The Applicants' representative also discussed how the Perlman reference does not have vulnerability assessment that is connected or associated with allowing the workstation to access the secure network.

Examiner Jackson acknowledged the changes to the claims and she indicated that she understood them. She stated that an update search would likely be conducted in connection with the Applicants' changes to the claims.

The Applicants and the undersigned request Examiner Jackson to review this interview summary and to approve it by writing "Interview Record OK" along with her initials and the date next to this summary in the margin as discussed in MPEP § 713.04, p. 700-202.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete summary of the telephonic interview conducted on May 17, 2005. The Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Jackson for the consideration of this summary. The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such Action is hereby courteously solicited.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 404.572.2884.

Respectfully submitted,



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